

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

Agenda Item: Salish and Kootenai Water Rights Compact

Division: Legal Unit

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 30 Minutes

Background

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the State of Montana, and the United States (collectively the Parties) have been working for several years to develop a water rights settlement that will quantify the water rights of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes on and off the Flathead Indian Reservation and provide for the administration of water rights on the Reservation. On November 8, 2012, the Parties released a Proposed Water Rights Compact.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks attorney Bill Schenk, and Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission attorney Jay Weiner will give a brief overview of the proposed reserved water rights compact between the State of Montana and Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

This update is for the Commission's information only and no action is required.